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# A MESSAGE from the Lower- House of CONVOCATION, to Their Graces and Lordships of the Upper-House.

Deliver'd by the PROLOCUTOR, attended by his Assessors,  
and the Rest of the House, July the 14th, 1711.

*My Lords,* Your GRACES and LORDSHIPS,

**T**HE Lower-House of Convocation preserving a Just, and due Sense of Your Graces and Lordship's Paternal Care of them, and tender Regard for the Rights of Convocation, so often and seasonably shewn since their Happy Restoration and Revival by Her Most Gracious Majesty: And more particularly by Your Graces and Lordships most undaunted, and generous Refusal to joyn in an *illegal* and Groundless Assertion or Opinion, That several of their Members had acted in Derogation to Her Majesties Prerogative, and might be prosecuted by way of Information, or Indictment for Words inserted in a Protest by them Signed, and enter'd in the Books of their House, June 30th, 1709. And also for Your Graces and Lordships Vigorous Resolution to complain to the Parliament of Those Men, who had in Compliance with the then Powerful Faction given under their Hands, the said Assertion or Opinion for Law; and likewise for Your Graces and Lordships, at the same time, Ordering and Impowering Two very Worthy and Right Reverend Members of Your Most Venerable Body, to undertake a Dangerous and Expensive Voyage and Journey, at a most Discouraging Juncture, to lay the whole Affair in a true Light, before Her Majesty, whereby the Rights of Convocation, the Persons and Fortunes of several of their Reverend and Worthy Members were preserved, and the Lower Clergy Vindicated and Supported;

Have Commanded me in Their Names, to Return Your Graces and Lordship's Their Most Humble and Hearty Acknowledgments, for Your Graces and Lordships Great Watchfulness, Disinterested Zeal, and Paternal Regard at all times for the Rights of Convocation, particularly for Your Graces and Lordships Just and Seasonable Resolution of August the 5th, 1709. wherein Your Graces and Lordship's with a Primitive Gourage, Truly Declare, That the Convocation of Ireland, hath a Right to be Summon'd, and Met with every Parliament, that is call'd in this Kingdom, and is truly a Parliamentary Assisting Body, Convened by the Queen's Writ, and hath Rights, Powers and Privileges of its own, and that the Members thereof, ought, and may freely Debate, and give their Opinion in all Matters that shall Properly come before them. For all which, and many other Instances of Your Graces and Lordship's Justice to the Rights of Convocation in General, and of their House in Particular, they do by me, most Humbly take leave to assure Your Graces and Lordship's, that they will endeavour to Demonstrate to the World, that No Time, No Power, No Management shall ever be able to Obliterate or Lessen those most Dutiful and Grateful Sentiments, wherewith Your Graces and Lordship's Favour, Patronage, and Protection, have Justly fill'd their Hearts.

To which Message, the Most Reverend, and the Right Reverend the Bishops, were pleas'd by the Most Reverend the President, before Their Graces and Lordships Adjourn'd Their House, to give the following Obliging Return to the Prolocutor, and the Lower House, who by Order attended them,

Mr. PROLOCUTOR,

We have taken Your Affectionate and Dutiful Address into Consideration, and will in time Return you an Answer.